

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following amended paragraph:

[0044] In another form of the present invention as shown in Figure 7, the resistive circuit pattern 40 comprises a variable thickness across the width of the racetrack portion. Along the inner portion of the racetrack where current crowding more specifically occurs, the resistive circuit pattern 40 comprises a thickness T6, which is thicker and has ~~more~~ less resistance than the outer portion of the racetrack that comprises a thickness T7. As a result, the inner portion of the racetrack at T6 has a lower watt density than the outer portion of the racetrack at T7 in order to accommodate the current crowding, which promotes a more uniform temperature throughout the entire racetrack portion. Therefore, the thickness varies across the width of the resistive circuit pattern 40 from T6 to T7 in order to provide a variable watt density. It should be understood that the specific application of a variable thickness across the width of the resistive circuit pattern 40 for a racetrack configuration is not intended to limit the scope of the present invention. The variable thickness across the width as illustrated and described herein may be applied in any application where such variable watt density is desired while remaining within the teachings of the present invention.